

REMARKS

The present Supplemental Amendment is being filed to make claim revisions desired by the inventor. Claim 30 is now the sole independent claim.

It is respectfully submitted that the application should be allowed for reasons that are the same as or similar to the reasons presented in the Amendment filed December 19, 2005. However, in order to provide a consolidated response to the Office Action of August 18, 2005 and thus avoid the need for both the present Remarks and the Remarks in the Amendment filed December 19, 2005 to be considered, the present Remarks will include arguments originally presented in the Amendment filed December 19, 2005 where appropriate.

Sections 2 and 3 of the Office Action of August 18, 2006 reject the claims under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112. These rejections are respectfully traversed for the reasons discussed below.

Like many applications prepared in foreign countries, this application is not written in Shakespearian English. It doesn't need to be. A patent application only needs to be sufficiently informative to advise an ordinarily skilled person how to make and use an invention without undue experimentation. The drawings are part of the disclosure and can be relied on for the information that they provide to an ordinarily skilled person as the ordinarily skilled person reads the specification. Moreover, an application need not explain to an ordinarily skilled person what the ordinarily skilled person would already know (in order to be ordinarily skilled). It should also be remembered that the requirement for an adequate disclosure that is imposed by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 extends only to the subject matter that is claimed.

With the foregoing considerations in mind, it is respectfully submitted that the present application (text and drawings, both considered from the point of view of a person who already has enough knowledge about hand tools to be considered ordinarily skilled in the hand tool art) adequately support the present formulation of the claims. Accordingly, the rejections under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 should be withdrawn.

Section 5 of the Office Action rejects the original claims for indefiniteness, under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112. This rejection is now moot, since the original claims have been replaced with new claims. It is respectfully submitted that the new claims are suitably definite under 35 USC 112, paragraph 2.

Section 7 of the Office Action rejects the original claims for anticipation or obviousness on the basis of either Shea or Lin. For the reasons discussed below, however, it is respectfully submitted that the inventions defined by independent claims 30 is patentable over these references.

Independent claim 30 provides that a one-way drive arrangement is connected between a handle and a transmission gearbox that is coupled to a main shaft and that has a transmission speed ratio. It is respectfully submitted that such a transmission gearbox is neither disclosed or suggested by either reference. Claim 30 also includes other features that are not disclosed or suggested by the references, such as an additional handle that extends radially.

Since the remaining claims depend from the independent claim discussed above and recite additional limitations to further define the invention, they are patentable along with the independent claim and need not be further discussed.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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